

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8311

Investigation into the use of electric energy)
efficiency charge funds to reduce the use of)
fossil fuels for space heating by supporting)
electric technologies that may increase electric)
consumption)

Order entered: 2/11/2015

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: VEIC MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

On February 9, 2015, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation ("VEIC") filed a motion to stay proceedings in this investigation while the Vermont General Assembly considers H.40, "An act relating to establishing a renewable energy standard and energy transformation program" ("H.40") now before the House of Representatives (the "VEIC Motion"). According to VEIC, H.40 would create authority for ratepayer-funded electricity provider programs with similar goals and possible technologies to those that are the subject of the instant proceeding. Accordingly, according to VEIC, the possible enactment of H.40 creates uncertainty as to the roles and responsibilities of providers and the regulatory framework through which ratepayer-funded programs would be offered to assist customers to install "conforming technologies." Therefore, in order to avoid completing this investigation, only to have to reconsider the matters upon the possible enactment of H.40, VEIC recommends that the Public Service Board suspend the schedule in this proceeding until the General Assembly completes its deliberations. VEIC requests a stay in proceedings for a term of ninety (90) days.

VEIC represents that it is authorized to state that the Vermont Department of Public Service, the Conservation Law Foundation, Green Mountain Power Corporation, the City of Burlington Electric Department, Green Mountain Geothermal, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc., Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., Vermont Gas Systems, Inc., Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources concur with the VEIC Motion.

Any comments on the VEIC Motion should be filed no later than noon (12 P.M.) on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 11th day of February, 2015.

s/Thomas Knauer

Thomas Knauer
Hearing Officer

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: February 11, 2015

ATTEST: s/Judith C. Whitney
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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